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AMENDMENT AND REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed December 20, 2002, the applicants have amended several claims and added two new claims 19 and 20 so that claims 1-20 are now in the application.

Claims 1, 3, 6, 9, 11, 15 and 17 stand rejected under section 102 as being anticipated by Gregory, U.S. 6,254,190. These rejections are respectfully traversed. The Examiner has stated in her analysis that the back frame 30 of Gregory "is configured to be secured along a bottom edge to a bottom portion of a transverse first frame member of the chair back frame (16) via connectors (31) as seen in Fig. 4." Claim 1 of the subject application now includes the limitation that the carrier is "directly attached along a bottom edge to a portion of a chair back frame." Figs. 15 and 16 in the application show the bottom edge 252 of the carrier 38 is secured directly to the frame 108 of the chair. The concept disclosed here is to directly attach